



Hockey Albury Wodonga

GAME DELAY POLICY

CURRENT VERSION	
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APPROVED BY:	

Hockey Albury Wodonga and its volunteers (including coaches and umpires) have a duty of care to ensure that players are as safe as is reasonably possible when participating in matches. In relation to weather conditions, or other circumstances the individuals required to determine whether a match goes ahead or is abandoned need to consider this policy before the commencement of each match.

Policy Objective

The Game Delay Policy sets out the commitment all clubs are aware that the start of a game can be delayed by umpires for up to 20 minutes before a decision to proceed or abandon a match is to be given, umpires must seek advice from the board during this time.

Such reasons for delay are deemed extraordinary circumstances and include but not limited to power failure, or inadequate lighting, poor weather, ice on field etc the umpires in charge of officiating need to coordinate with Director of competitions or umpires who will then invoke an impromptu virtual board meeting to discuss how to proceed.

Mid Match Delays due to weather interruptions and or major Injury

IMPROMPTU VIRTUAL MEETING

The impromptu virtual meet needs to include 3 – 4 board members, and points that will be discussed include:

1. Reason for delay, can this be rectified quickly or is it a catastrophic impact to the days schedule at that ground, which will see need to reschedule all games remaining at that venue for the day.
2. What are the alternative options or venues available that day or night. How much travel time is required etc if it is Albury to Wodonga or vice versa then the game is to be immediately relocated and proceed at newly established times that do not affect any other scheduling. (15 minutes warm up will be allocated). If a subsequent game at affected location is being allocated a same day timeslot there is no option for refusal.

WHERE DECISION IS MADE TO ABANDON GAME AND REALLOCATE

The Director of Competitions will present 2 alternative time slots within 72 hrs of the abandoned game, for relevant clubs to consider.

1. **When Game has not commenced:** Clubs affected must agree with the alternative game date/time. If neither option is agreeable, and no alternative can be reached, the game will be abandoned, and no competition points awarded.
2. **Final Series:** Alternate times will be given within 2 hours; the scheduled finals will be relocated to a subsequent day within that weekend. With these games proceeding within 48 hours of the original game schedule or by the Monday following that weekend.

DURING PLAY

If the game has already commenced, and is then interrupted due to power failure, poor weather, or severe injury the following will apply as per current by-laws.

1. Game has commenced, and half time has been reached the game result at time of cessation will be submitted and apply, no rescheduling will occur.

2. If still within the first half the game will be awarded as a draw, and no rescheduling will occur.
3. Any subsequent games will proceed as normal, if possible, an alteration to start time or playing time may occur and clubs affected will be notified immediately.
4. Any Scheduled capital league games will have start times delayed but run to complete game time. Club games following this will be notified of the delays, to communicate to affected players.

FINAL SERIES

1. If delay occurs during a final series then the scheduled finals will be relocated to a subsequent day within that weekend. The rescheduling of these games will be within 72 hours of the original game schedule.

Commitment

- All HAW members have a responsibility to protect players, minimise the risks that might result from extraordinary circumstances.

Roles and Responsibilities

Umpires	Risk management
Director of Competitions/Umpires	Accountability
Board	Decision
All members	Responsible for reporting information